

ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/9/10 has been entered.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 26 are currently pending. No claims have been amended, canceled, or added.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 26 are considered free of the prior art and allowable. See the Notice of Allowance mailed on 1/5/10 for details.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/9/10 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner. An initialed and signed copy of the 1449 is attached to this action.

It is noted for the record that the single reference, WO 96/20732, cited in the 3/9/10 IDS teaches Sindbis viral vectors which in some embodiments encode viral antigens and the non-traumatic administration of such a vector to a mammal to generate an immune response.

However, the cited reference neither teaches nor suggests a prime-boost protocol where the administration of a Sindbis viral vector encoding an antigen is followed by the administration of protein antigen, nor teaches or suggests that such a protocol would generate neutralizing titers of antibody.

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Anne Marie S. Wehbé, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0737. If the examiner is not available, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Weitach, can be reached at (571) 272-0739. For all official communications, the technology center fax number is (571) 273-8300. Please note that all official communications and responses sent by fax must be directed to the technology center fax number. For informal, non-official communications only, the examiner's direct fax number is (571) 273-0737. For any inquiry of a general nature, please call (571) 272-0547.

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